

Notes for speakers

Please indicate which theme and aspect your contribution intends to cover.

Each presentation will be given in English and should not exceed 15 minutes.

When preparing contribution and presentation, please keep in mind that the targeted audience includes people with various disabilities, and therefore take particular care of the following recommendations for the information displayed:

High degree of redundancy, in speaking and displaying,

Limited amount of information on each slide,

Large character/font size,

No text over picture in the background as this reduces legibility,

Presentation given in a manner to ease interpretation/translation.



Schedule

Draft proposals with the indication of the theme and aspect covered are to be submitted by 10 November 2002 in electronic form. Abstracts of about 200 to 500 words are expected.

Acceptance notification will be provided to the authors by 15 December 2002.

Final presentation will have to be provided by 31 January 2003.

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Accessibility for All

Call for contributions

CEN CENELEC ETSI Conference 2003

Acropolis convention centre
Nice, France
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European Committee
for Standardization



European Committee for
Electrotechnical Standardization



European Telecommunications
Standards Institute

The conference “**Accessibility for All**” is a common initiative by the European Standards Organisations, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

The conference will focus on **the role of European Standardization on Accessibility for All**. It contributes to the objective of the European Commission eEurope Initiative, and responds to the Council Decision of 3 December 2001: “The year 2003 shall be designated as the European Year of People with Disabilities”.

Session Organization

Accessibility requirements are dependant on the context, and this will be reflected in the structure of the programme of the conference, which will be structured in sessions based on four themes.

Each session will address different aspects with the goal of evaluating how far Accessibility for All has been achieved and to debate further improvements and actions.

Participants will be encouraged to participate in discussions at the end of each session to identify any gaps in standardization activities.

Session Themes

- 1. Accessibility on the move**, for example accessible transport services, accessible ticketing, accessible mobile communication services, technical aids, etc...
- 2. Accessibility at work**, for example accessible work places, accessible products and services at the workplace, accessible man-machine interfaces in a professional context and environment, etc...
- 3. Accessibility in public places/services**, for example accessible building facilities, accessible user interfaces for public services using appropriate means and media, such as web pages, accessible public access terminals, etc...
- 4. Accessibility at home**, for example features provided at home facilitating accessibility, such as those in “smart houses”, and services which can be usefully offered at home e.g. for security, healthcare, entertainment.

Aspect to be covered

- A. Requirements:** What are the specific barriers to accessibility for people, depending on their kinds of disability ? The relevant associations should express the user needs to be addressed.
- B. Legal/regulatory situation:** EU, EFTA and Member States have launched initiatives in the field of accessibility that provide a framework for future actions to be explained by public authorities representatives.
- C. Contribution from standardization:** Standardization can define specific accessibility requirements for products and services and contributes to providing interfaces between assistive technology devices and existing equipment and services. The Standardization Bodies should provide an update on available standards and the on-going activities.
- D. Response from the market:** Ultimately, products and services providing the expected functionalities are developed and made available to the customer. Information on the relevant products and services and how the design for all concepts are approached should be provided by manufacturers, suppliers, service providers, etc...